

John 1:5-13

⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Isaiah 9:2,6

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 50:10-11

¹⁰ Who among you fears the LORD
and obeys the voice of his servant?
Let him who walks in darkness
and has no light
trust in the name of the LORD
and rely on his God.

¹¹ Behold, all you who kindle a fire,
who equip yourselves with burning torches!
Walk by the light of your fire,
and by the torches that you have kindled!
This you have from my hand:
you shall lie down in torment.

Isaiah 5:20

²⁰ Woe to those who call evil good
and good evil,
who put darkness for light
and light for darkness,
who put bitter for sweet
and sweet for bitter!

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

¹³ For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen,
disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ And no wonder,
for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. ¹⁵ So it is no surprise if his servants, also,
disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

John 3:19-20.

¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world,
and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light,
lest his works should be exposed.

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Introduction

- Clarkson, Paddington & Jesus

The light: Jesus (v5,9)

- Jesus is the light in the darkness

- Jesus is the true light

- beware DIY lights

- beware label-switching

The witness: John (v6-8)

- testimony of witnesses

- reasons for believing

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- rejection (v10-11)

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